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Senate CIA Quiz Set; Explosion By LBJ Expected

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WASHINGTON — A previously unpublicized move within the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to investigate the Central Intelligence Agency promises to precipitate an explosive dispute with President Johnson.

Such an investigation of the secret agency would be one of the most sensitive ever undertaken by Congress. All moves so far have been made behind the scenes.

Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) has placed on the committee's tentative agenda a study of the

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CIA's impact on foreign policy. This was discussed at a meeting of the committee last week.

Raborn Advised

CIA Director William F. Raborn has been advised informally of the committee's plans by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), a committee member and for years a prime advocate of closer congressional supervision of CIA activities.

Few members of Congress are informed about the CIA in any detail. It employs thousands of persons in Washington and around the world, and the hundreds of millions it spends annually are hidden in appropriations for other government departments.

Its operations have run the gamut from the routine monitoring of foreign-propaganda radio broadcasts to clandestine efforts to overthrow govern-

Johnson Resistance Seen

Sen. George D. Aiken (Vt.),

second-ranked Republican on the committee, foresees "massive resistance" to the proposed inquiry from Mr. Johnson and other officials.

"The confrontation with the executive branch would be quite explosive" if the issue were pressed, Aiken said. He added:

"I'm in a conflict in this one. I think the agency should have closer supervision, but I'm afraid of leaks in such an investigation that might prove embarrassing to our government."

McCarthy soon will make

the first open move when he places before the Senate a resolution authorizing the Foreign

Relations Committee to investigate the CIA.

Increasingly Important

As McCarthy put it in an interview:

"The foreign policy implications of the CIA's activities are becoming increasingly important. Foreign policy has been in a mixed no-man's land for a long time (an apparent reference to the mixture of standard diplomacy with cloak-and-dagger CIA operations)

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